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SUBJECT: CCD - 690TH PLENARY MEETING, FEB 24, 1976

1. FARTASH (IRAN, IN TOUR D'HORIZON OF MULTILATERAL
DISARMAMENT ISSUES, EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF US AND SOVIET
DRAFT CONVENTION ON PROHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE
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AS AN IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL STEP TO PREVENT DEVELOPMENT
OF NEW METHODS OF WARFARE. HE SAID IRAN WOULD OFFER SPECIFIC

COMMENTS ON DRAFT LATER IN SESSION. FARTASH SAID HE HOPED US AND USSR WOULD PROPOSE THE JOINT INITIATIVE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS THEY HAD "PROMISED TO UNDERTAKE," ADDING THAT CCD SHOULD CONTINUE WORK IN MEANTIME ON BASIS OF DRAFT TREATIES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. DEPLORING LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD COMPREHANSIVE TEST BAN, HE SAID IT WAS UP TO NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO PERSIST IN SEEKING COMPROMISE OR INTERIM SOLUTION AS MEANS OF KEEPING PRESSURE ON NWS TO REACH AGREEMENT.

2. FARTASH SAID IRAN SUPPORTED SOVIET PROPOSAL ON PROHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. HE NOTED IT WAS NECESSARY FIRST TO IDENTIFY, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, SUCH TYPES OF NEW WEAPONS AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT SOVIETS HAD AMENDED UNGA RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT TO CALL FOR PARTICIPATION BY EXPERTS IN CCD DISCUSSIONS. THIS HE SAID, COULD HELP "TRANSLATE PROPOSAL INTO SPECIFIC LANGUAGE," FARTASH EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR UNGA RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES, INCIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE, NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES, AND AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW DISARMAMENT ROLE OF UN. HE CHARACTERIZED EFFORTS TO CONVENE A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AS "DISCOURAGING," BUT CITED EVIDENCE OF INCREASED UNDERSTANDING AND SAID THE "TWO DISTINCT APPROACHES" IDENTIFIED IN 1975 WDC AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT MIGHT HELP DETERMINE HOW CONFERENCE COULD BE ORGANIZED.

3. FARTASH SAID US PROPOSAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES WAS COMMENDABLE, SAYING SOME CHANGES SEEMED NECESSARY. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT PROCEDURAL CHANGES COULD AT BEST ONLY MARGINALLY AFFECT SOLUTION OF ISSUES BEFORE CCD, AND THAT THEREFORE COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

4. NEXT PLENARY THURSDAY, FEB 26. BRUNGART

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